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Thank you my fellow Canadians -
my fellow Canadians who ~~love~~ live in
the west & love the West

Mr Trudeau has called us many
names - first of all we were hysterical
then we became crazy or paranoid &
the latest ones is we are criminals or
blackmoulers.

I suggest to Mr Trudeau there were
some all important ^{things} ~~names~~ he forgot
to call us - that is a determined
& ^{concerned} people. ^{I wish} ~~if~~ he could see this calm
audience who came out ^{so determinedly} on the
coldest night of the year ^{just} out
of their concern for their children
& their future.

We are not the wild separatists
of Quebec. That was a cultural rebellion
& cultural rebellions do become
violent, ^{we want peace} ~~with~~ bombs being planted
in postboxes or murder an English
diplomat. Our separation is ~~firm~~
based on the fact we have not been
ever treated as partners in ^{the} confederation
of Canada. ^{our problem is} we have not been allowed
to be ^{truly} Canadians. ~~The east has~~

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Eastern Canada ~~to~~ has always believed they were the Canadians & we were a sort of ~~the~~ colony attached to their western borders & operating under their flag.

It's only 75 years since they got around to recognizing us as a province. Then they said you can come in as partners under the BNA act. We will still treat you basically as a colony - a place to unload at a high price our manufactured goods that we protect by tariffs & we will keep down the price of your raw goods ^{from compelling with our} by a high freight rate. We were ^{of course also} expected to pay high income taxes to them but they would let us have ~~to~~ under the B.N.A. act our resources.

At that time our resources except for wheat which they had saddled with the high freight rates went worth much. Now an awful thing has happened our resources have turned out valuable, ^{so} after we have spent years developing them

hard years long years where
~~But~~ local men went broke on
the search for oil, ^{at first we went alone because} we could ~~fortunately~~
^{not} attract ^{any} help ~~not~~ from Canadians
down east, who ^{openly} rejected it, but ^{we eventually} from
~~usually~~ Americans, who were content
to be partners with us in assisting
our growth. Now when the resources
are valuable - the east is pleading
to equalization + Trudeau to ~~help~~ ^{but} get
them a vote has promised them not even
a good government, but simply
our oil.

We ^{the colonists} ~~stuck~~ ^{to} the original partnership
agreement of confederation through all
the hard years + now when the good
years have
come we are ~~really not going to~~
be partners they are ^{but Trudeau with the support of Galt +} ~~just~~ going to
take it from our past partners - the
^{very partners} who bore the cost of ^{creating +} developing
it - its an ^{the} ~~business~~ ^{world} called a "small
take over, in the ~~criminal code~~ theft
our everyday life ^{we would call that kind of} ~~it is~~ ^{action} ~~being~~
^{that we've been} robbed.

But ~~Now~~ when we object ^{now} we are being
labeled with derision as unpatriotic
as separatist who are hysterical
+ paranoid + black maulers.

The east is ^{trying} breaking the ~~separatists~~
~~new~~ thing they call separatists as
some childish banterum that can be
solved by giving us a pat of recognition
and politicians ~~west~~ ^{written a little something, after a back}
or a small ~~cash~~ ^{gift} then it will all go
away.

~~The~~ Separatism is not a new
movement in the west. It first
surfaced at the depression when
actual hunger drove the west to
plead for some sort of the ^{now} much
vaunted ~~new~~ equalization in the
form of jobs or food. The East
met ^{the plea} that with a barrage of bullets
they fired ~~at~~ ^{at} the unarmed
hungry men. They stopped ^{at Regina} ~~it~~ ^{when you look} before
it could ~~reach~~ ^{reach} the East. By
bullets they drove them back and
was that eastern action
dug a great trench made a marked
line that ^{would physically} ~~separation~~ ^{separated} ~~it from them~~
^{in Canada}

In desperation the west ^{attempted to} developed
~~separate~~ political parties that would
understand their problems.

Five men like Woodward held a
smaller meeting than this one right
here in Calgary that formed the CCF

^{now called NDP}
party that would operate in Saskatchewan
Down on 5th ave ^{in Calgary} Mr. Clebert launched
another party local credit which would
eventually take over Alberta B.C.
~~proposed~~ ^{proposed}.

~~Not~~ Federal parties that came out
here offered our help. I suppose
you could call historically those
two parties the first & second wave
of ~~social~~ ^{actual & viable} separatism, of the West.

Upon Mr. Manning's departure ^{ave in} the West
Alberta found a new leader a man
primarily concerned for Alberta not
~~the~~ in Peter Lougheed.

The third great separatist move
followed the first two unsolved
ones came when the West elected
Clark & their vote was enough to
get him in power in Ottawa &
they thought they had a voice
that would listen to them not
like the French eastern Orientated
Indians. Unfortunately the NDP fell
for the lure of power & forgot
gave up any true concern for the
west & their vote returned them
Fred and Clara.

But the west were determined to assert themselves & they did by each person marching to the polls & ~~the~~ ^{this time} ~~for~~ & not one member was elected to the ~~liberal~~ Trudeau type of government ~~as~~ west of the manitoba border.

In the interest of preserving Canada Trudeau should have recognized the rejection for what it was. - a long time peaceful determination of the West for some equality & recognition. Instead he turned on ^{his} ~~these~~ good Canadian partners as though we were ~~our~~ ^{Canadas} enemy. He decides to rob us of any power we had. To take away the resources we had through the years developed. To do that he had to get rid of the BNA act. How to do that - why give Canada a so called new constitution - a constitution that took away everyone's property rights & centralized in the federal government the jurisdiction to just choose when & where they might give funds. A glorified slush

fund that would give them more power than ^{having} as fully mobilized ~~army~~ SS core.

It was this that drove the final last barrier up that separated the last from the West & he calls us the separatists! The moves that created separation began again you can see always on the east. The ^{so called} constitution is just the force that he has used ^{by well he will} to grab power with for ^a centralized government.

~~No one in Canada~~ ~~is~~ wanted a constitution :"

Canada will no longer be the confederation we loved & know, at all. ^{The Canada} ~~are~~ ^{have always been} ~~were~~ loyal too. - there's no partnership here & self development for provinces. That was in the BNA act & it's to go & it's not in the new constitution.

If he had just come out & said I'm going to take the provinces right out of the BNA act no ^{province} ~~one~~ would have accepted it or let him do it.

By hiding it under a constitution he has them befuddled & confused.

Obviously his ruling Quebec with ^{the} hope
of ~~biculturalism~~ ~~anglophones~~ spreading
biculturalism clear across Canada &
reinforcing ^{guaranteeing} the ~~power of the~~ rights of
the Francophones in Quebec. Ontario
has just ruled with Alberta oil & gas,
& even they ~~too~~ are not to see what
~~structural~~ changes in our law
 Trudeau's planted into Canadian
law for all time as he says entrenched.
& think about that word - entrenched
were the dreaded word of world one
they didn't work & they created nothing
but misery.

Law's great safety value is it can
be changed - changed in the courts &
~~in the~~ by the voter at the polls,
& you are loosing that.

It's obvious we ~~are~~ can & right now
are loosing our provincial revenue
& resources, in this centralized
bit of paper which will enhance a highly
centralized government for all time
in Canada - the good old ^{now lost} Canada
of confederation.